



**TRUMAN'S 'VICTORY CAR' SOLD:** The railroad car from which Harry S. Truman conducted his 1948 whistle-stop presidential campaign was sold at auction at Vernon, Calif., Thursday. Top, the cars dining room as it appears today. Below, bidders crowd rear platform where partisans 20 years ago urged the president to "Give 'em Hell, Harry." One businessman sold it to another for \$77,000. It may be placed in an industrial park near Kansas City. (AP Wire-photo)

## GO-AHEAD GIVEN FOR BRIDGMAN A-PLANT

### His 'Mistake' Worth \$8,226

#### BH Man Gets Unexpected Check, New Job

By RAY SMETANKA  
Staff Writer

When most people make mistakes it cost them money, but not so for Eddie Whitfield, Sr., 738 Broadway, Benton Harbor, who Wednesday received an \$8,226.43 check for doing something the wrong way.

Whitfield, a porter for 39 years with the Pullman Sleeping Car company, was naturally concerned when it was announced last year that railroad companies would take over the operation of their own sleeping cars, thus putting Pullman out of the business.

He had been working for the last three years on the Santa Fe line, so he decided to put in an application to continue with them.

The Pullman company was to discontinue operations Jan. 1, so

he filed the application about two weeks earlier. He waited apprehensively but received no reply, and finally went to Chicago to expedite matters.

#### MISTAKE IN FORM

There Santa Fe officials dug out Whitfield's file and found he had improperly filled out his form, not signing the sheet directing the Pullman company to transfer his records to Santa Fe.

When the error was discovered, Whitfield said the Santa Fe told him he would be "on the top of its list" for future sleeping car employees, and would probably begin work about June 1.

But in the meantime, since Whitfield had not gotten the job, he became entitled to separation pay from the Pullman company due employees who had been unable to find other railroad work.

"It makes you say 'Thank you, God!' when something like this happens," Whitfield said looking again at the check.

Whitfield noted proudly that he has seven children, "none with less than a high school education" and several of whom have gone on to complete college.

Before Whitfield could enjoy his \$8,226.43 windfall the check had to undergo an \$1,800 tax bite, with the remaining \$6,921.43 going promptly into a savings account.

"Just think, if I had filled out that application right the first time, this never would have happened," he said.

There was one other slight disadvantage besides the tax bite by Uncle Sam. Whitfield has been receiving \$254 a month since Jan. 1 in unemployment compensation. Receipt of the separation check will cause that to stop, he said.



**HAPPY 'ERROR':** Eddie Whitfield, Sr., of 738 Broadway in Benton Harbor holds an \$8,226.43 check from the Pullman Sleeping Car company. He became eligible for separation pay when he incorrectly filled out a job application for a new job. (Staff photo)

### State Sets Standards On Wastes

#### Order Follows Common Sense, Federal Rules

LANSING (AP) — The State Water Resources Commission has given the go-ahead for operational plans of the Donald Cook Nuclear Plant, near Bridgman, by setting standards for the discharge of radioactive wastes and heated water into Lake Michigan.

The Michigan and Indiana Electric Co. is building the plant, expected to be in operation in about two years. The atomic utility will provide power in southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana.

Robert Courchaine, commission regional engineer for southwestern Michigan, said the order issued Thursday on radioactive discharges essentially will conform to federal standards.

**COMMON SENSE**  
"The regulations on heat discharges are general common sense ones aimed at preventing any injury to public health, safety and welfare or fish and wildlife," he said.

The utility has promised complete cooperation, Courchaine said, and will make regular studies to test the effects of radioactive wastes and thermal discharges on the aquatic environment.

"They have promised to report any time they find an injury—such as a fish kill," he said.

"We've been assured of getting the type of information necessary to evaluate the effects of the discharges," the commission engineer said.

The company will be required to report at six month intervals during the study. The commission will automatically review the order at the end of the second year of operation of the plant and also has the option of reviewing the order at any time.

**WIDE SCOPE**  
The wide scope of the order is illustrated by a single sentence which reads that the discharges:

"Shall not impart heat or con-

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## Viet Cong Hit 65 Allied Bases

### American Casualties Heavy

SAIGON (AP) — The Viet Cong and North Vietnamese smashed at American bases with renewed fury today, hitting them with rockets, mortars and infantry assaults that caused serious casualties and losses of aircraft, vehicles and fuel.

In one of the heaviest series of blows since the opening of the spring offensive 27 nights ago, enemy rockets and mortars hit 65 allied bases and towns, and infantry assaults ripped into three of the bases.

It was the largest number of attacks since last Friday, when 70 bases and towns were hit.

All of the enemy infantry attacks were on American bases along the northwest approaches

to Saigon, between 31 and 51 miles from the capital. Twelve Americans were killed and 47 wounded, while known enemy losses were 38 dead, U.S. spokesmen said.

#### AMERICANS KILLED

Ten of the Americans were killed and 28 were wounded in one attack on an artillery base.

Spokesmen said only five enemy bodies were found after an estimated 400 North Vietnamese attacked the U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division's Fire Support Base White behind a 150-pound mortar barrage. However, the Americans said many blood trails and drag marks were found, indicating the enemy took a number of wounded and dead with them when they pulled back toward the Cambodian border at daybreak.

The attack began shortly before 3 a.m. when mortars, bazooka-type rockets and small arms hit the American camp 50 miles northwest of Saigon. The 250 American troops called for help, hurriedly donned their gas masks as the North Vietnamese fired tear gas grenades, and turned the base's eight 105mm and 155mm guns on the enemy positions. Helicopter gunships fired rockets as one of the camp's a guns illuminated the enemy batteries with flares.

#### DIRECT HIT

All the Americans killed were victims of the bombardment. Six were members of a mortar platoon trying to hit the enemy mortars. The other four were ri-

flemen in a bunker that took a direct hit.

The base is one of four artillery and patrol camps along the southern edge of the Viet Cong's War Zone which impede the enemy approach to Saigon from the northwest.

White Base is just north of the Michelin rubber plantation where more than 10,000 American troops and scores of tanks are trying to root out an estimated 7,500 North Vietnamese threatening Saigon. U.S. intelligence officers said the purpose of the attack on the base apparently batteries while North Vietnamese troops tried to maneuver.

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### Districts Join School Tax Fight

#### Niles, Brandywine Back Up Buchanan

**NILES** — Niles and Brandywine school officials have indicated they will join Buchanan in circulating petitions to finance public schools by statewide taxes.

The Buchanan board of education started the campaign Monday and announced it will not support area legislators unless they back state-wide financing that would bring relief to local property taxes.

Niles and Brandywine gave support at a meeting Wednesday of 20 school administrators and trustees.

The legislators named are Sen. Charles Zollar (R-Benton Harbor), Reps. Don Pears (R-Buchanan) and DeForrest Strang (R-Sturgis).

Richard Warren, Niles superintendent, suggested that a time limit should be set on the issue.

Brandywine School Supt. Edward Ossman said the legislators "have all the information they need right now. There is no reason they couldn't take action this session if they wanted to."

Niles and Buchanan voters recently passed property tax increases for school purposes. Brandywine voted a tax hike last year after a previous rejection. Brandywine's school tax rate is among the highest in Berrien county.

### Teachers On Strike

**GRAND RAPIDS (AP)** — All four Grand Rapids high schools, seven elementary schools and three junior highs were closed today by a work stoppage of teachers. (Earlier story on page 7).

### Jury Can't Reach Verdict On Youth

#### Arrested During Picketing At Berrien Courthouse

A two-day trial of a 17-year-old Benton Harbor Negro accused of resisting police arrest during ADC mother picketing in the county courthouse last September ended in a "hung jury" Thursday in Berrien circuit court.

But Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor said he would seek a new trial in early May for Richard Alexander, of 681 Highland avenue, on a charge of resisting arrest by St. Joseph Police Det. William Mihalik last Sept. 18.

The 12 member, all-white jury deliberated from 11:06 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Thursday before notifying Judge Chester J. Byrns that a unanimous decision for either conviction or acquittal was impossible.

The jury could have brought in a verdict on resisting arrest, a circuit court misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison, or a lesser included assault and battery misdemeanor.

Alexander testified Wednesday that he was standing at a doorway of the Berrien social services department, talking to a friend, when an unidentified man approached, "said something" and "grabbed me on my arm and slapped me across my

face." The youth said he "was trying to get loose."

Det. Mihalik testified that he told Alexander, who was blocking the doorway, that he (Mihalik) was a policeman and that Alexander was under arrest. Then Alexander hit Mihalik in the chest and face with his fist, Mihalik testified.

Court-appointed Defense Atty. Rocco DeFrancesco argued to jurors that Det. Mihalik was mistaken about who struck him and that Alexander was innocent.

Sixteen witnesses, including Alexander and Det. Mihalik, testified Wednesday. Thursday the jury heard arguments from DeFrancesco and Berrien Chief Assistant Prosecutor Quentin Fulcher, instructions from Judge Byrns, and retired to deliberate unsuccessfully.

Alexander was continued free on \$1,000 bond, pending the new trial.

### Tombstones Overturned In Niles

**NILES** — Niles city police yesterday investigated vandalism in Silverbrook cemetery and reported that 18 tombstones of varying sizes had been overturned.

Police, notified at 10:02 a.m. yesterday, said none of the stones had been broken. Police said the stones overturned were in a line through the cemetery between the north and south entrance gates.

### Muskrat Killed After Chasing Man 4 Blocks

**ANN ARBOR (AP)** — A Washtenaw County sheriff's deputy Thursday shot and killed a muskrat which had chased a man four blocks before he sought refuge in the county jail, the only building in the area he could find open at the time.

Deputy King Williams, 24, said the unidentified man rushed into the jail and said, "There's a rat chasing me!"

He and Sgt. Charles Broderick went outside to find a large muskrat sitting against the jail wall. When Williams approached the animal, he said it reared up on its hind legs and charged. Williams kicked it. The deputy shot and killed the animal the next time it charged.

The animal's head was to be sent to the State Health Department in Lansing for a rabies check.

### Milliken May Back Cavanagh

#### Seeks More Tax Funds For Detroit

**DETROIT (AP)** — Gov. William Milliken has indicated he favors portions of Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh's proposals calling for state approval of more taxes for Detroit.

"I believe it's going to be possible to support the mayor in some of these proposals," Milliken said Thursday at a press conference in Detroit.

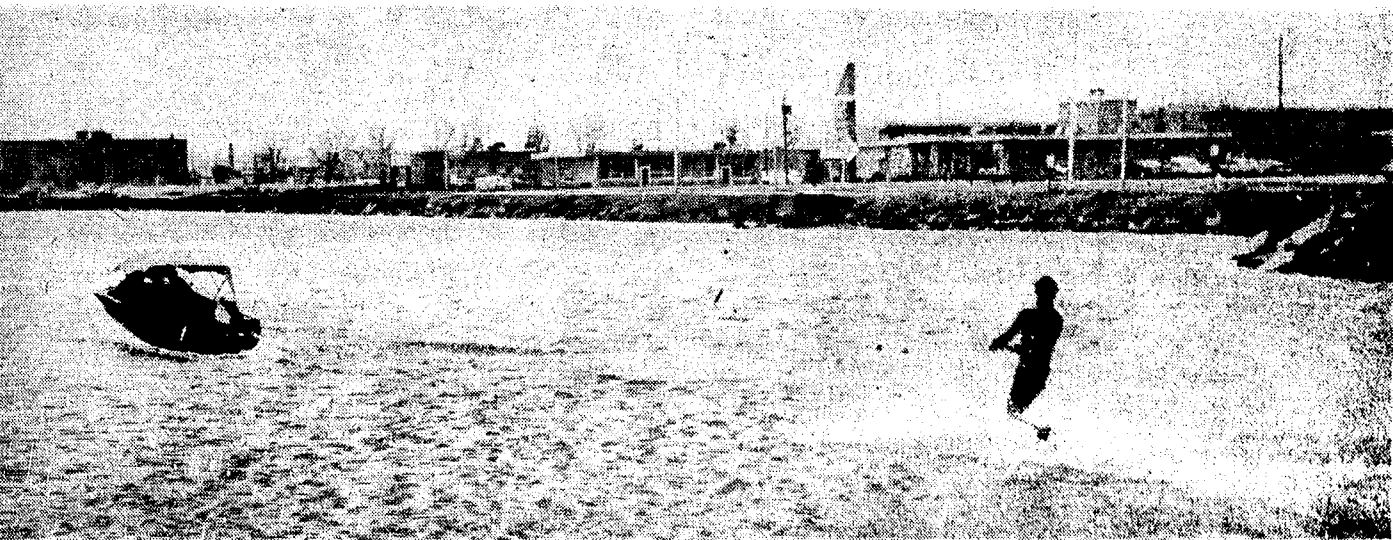
"But," he added, "I'm not prepared to say which."

The Detroit Free Press said, however, it was learned Milliken will probably support a part of Cavanagh's program raising the resident income taxes in Detroit from 2 to 2½ per cent.

The governor reportedly is not expected to back Cavanagh's other proposal to raise the non-resident income tax from one-half to one per cent.

Cavanagh has asked the governor's support for the proposals, which must be approved by the State Legislature.

New Key Club, ICB Golden Key, 5% plus. Mem. FDIC. Adv. April 1 is dollar transplant time. ICB Golden Key. Mem. FDIC. Adv.



**NEITHER WIND, NOR RAIN, NOR . . .** Three youths thumbed their noses Thursday as rain and cold ushered in the first day of spring. They went water skiing on the St. Joseph river between Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. The skiers, James Kirby, 18, of 1459 South Aurilla drive, St. Joseph; John Bloom, 18, of 255 East Napier avenue, Fairplain, and Jeff Prior, 18, of 217 Messner

drive, Fairplain. Rain greeted the hardy trio when they reached the river and kept up while the first run began. Benton Harbor's Riverview drive is in the background. Kirby is a student at Lake Michigan college in Benton Harbor. Bloom and Prior are students at Michigan State university. (Staff photo)



# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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### Our Show Case

### State Department

Next Wednesday some 800 editors and broadcasters are expected to meet at Washington for the State Department's foreign policy conference for the news media bosses.

John F. Kennedy instituted the first briefing in 1961. The Department has continued the practice annually since then, supplemented by an occasional higher powered informal meeting with the President himself.

Kennedy created the conference to introduce a new team at the State Department and to present himself personally to an audience which for the most part knew him only by television or news wire photographs.

The '61 affair was an enjoyable experience for the visitors even if it was an embarrassment for Kennedy and his teammates to explain away as best they could what went haywire at the Bay of Pigs ill fated invasion a few days before the meeting convened.

Some bright spots did peer through that gloom.

President DeGaulle put down a revolt by some of the military command in North Africa which believed it a sell-out for the French government to negotiate a truce with the insurgent Moroccans and Algerians.

It was also the occasion for learning that our government was committed to the Apollo program of man's penetration into outer space.

By and large this image making experiment came off well.

The Department has repeated the program each spring, though for reasons differing from those which JFK first had in mind.

Kennedy took office with the thought in mind of restoring the Department to a semblance of an independent policy making body and uplifting it from the errand boy status into which it had fallen since World War II days.

This trial run failed to get even half way around the track.

The appointment of Dean Rusk as Secretary of State was a good one, but Rusk could not cope with the Department's bureaucracy.

Getting anything done was as frustrating as punching a pillow, and Kennedy quickly reverted to his predecessor's policy of running foreign affairs from his own desk.

The annual briefings, consequently, have continued for the dual purpose of introducing any new high ranking faces in the Department and to feel out the reaction to Administration gam-

bits which the conference speakers outline in very broad, almost amorphous form.

The latter gives an Administration a sounding board of its views without risking personal or diplomatic embarrassment.

The attendants can report what is said at the meetings but not identify the speakers.

This off the record method keeps the public in the dark, yet gives a crystal clear reading to anyone amounting to anything in Washington, and in Moscow, London, Rome, Hanoi, Paris, Bonn, Peking, and so on round the globe.

The technique is useful. Government below the Washington level and private business regularly resort to it.

"What would you think about this or that?" is a time tested tool for learning how far one can go with an idea.

Next week's session has one definite purpose going for it.

This is the introduction of William P. Rogers, the new Secretary of State, to the countryside. He is an able man, but like Spiro Agnew, his name has yet to become a household word.

Another revelation may or may not emerge from the briefing.

This past January 29th, President Nixon spoke at length to the Department's personnel that he considers the Secretary of State to be his chief advisor on foreign policy.

The appointment of Henry A. Kissinger as a special assistant for national security affairs is raising a skepticism among the Department's career men.

Rogers as a long time personal friend of the President could be expected to be given the reins which the January 29th fireside chat promises.

Kissinger, though, is moving quickly and widely, so much so that the career men already see a repeat performance from the Johnson Administration in which Robert McNamara, as Defense Secretary, carried more weight than Rusk.

If the past nature of the briefings holds true to form, it is doubtful if any of the panelists would give an unequivocal answer to that conundrum.

However, a glimmer of an answer may shine through. Who says what and how he states it frequently yield a better clue than the words themselves.

In the final analysis, probably it matters little if the Department makes policy or reflects it, so long as the policy tracks correctly.

The compartmentation from George Washington's day relected an age in which diplomacy was considered an art unto itself.

The modern trend, one of global proportion, tends to dissolve the distinction between foreign and domestic affairs.

Diplomacy has become a member in a committee of total resources within a nation.

This is bound to centralize the Department's function upstairs to the White House.

The Nazi menace pushed Roosevelt to that course and the Communist threat has continued it for his successors.

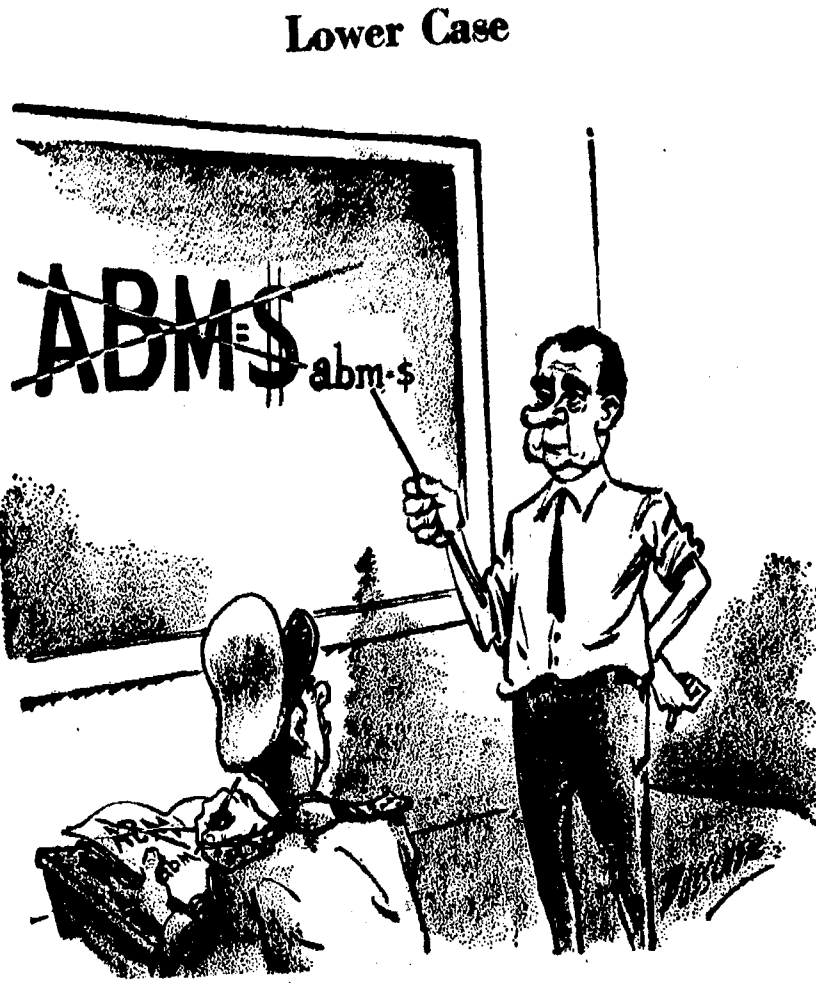
The prediction is hard to escape that a former tradition has a long time to wait for a full restoration.

### The Forgotten Meal

A recent survey of eating habits confirms a belief already well established that breakfast is the forgotten meal in many families. With the exception of certain farm areas, breakfast consists of fruit juices and coffee, occasionally a roll or a piece of toast. For many others it is a cup of coffee.

What a change from the days when the American breakfast was an institution! Everyone approached the duties of the day well fortified with food.

So far as dinner is concerned, Americans still adhere to earlier traditions. The survey shows present day housewives are not as fancy cooks as were their grandmothers, but their meals are well planned and better balanced. The dinner meal is attacked with gusto by those who had a meager breakfast and little lunch.



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### SECOND GRADERS VISIT AIRPORT

—10 Years Ago—  
Six classes of second graders from the Berrien Springs elementary school Tuesday toured the Twin Cities airport, Ross field, and were guests of the Whirlpool Corp. on a 40-passenger plane in which they took turns sitting in the pilot's seat. The tour was arranged in connection with study of airplanes currently being made by the children.

The 150 children and teachers Mrs. Marieta Coleman, Mrs. Thelma Druppel, Mrs. Eva Munar, Mrs. Harlene Stemm, Mrs. Nancy Stover, and Mrs. Carole Boyd, were accompanied by two mothers from each class.

### LANGLEY MANSION FALLS TO PROGRESS

—10 Years Ago—  
The one-time mansion of a pioneer lake boat commander—Captain Samuel G. Langley—is being torn down. High on a knoll bordering the St. Joseph river, the work of destruction is taking place. Boards and battens cover the once-lush lawn. Roof timbers stare at the sky. Once, the building provided a home for the Langley family. Then it harbored resort guests. Now, its making way for other homes.

Langley is believed to have built the home—about a century old—in the 1900 block on Langley ave. After an 1889 fire which destroyed virtually three-fourths of the building, Langley rebuilt it—but not to its full former dimensions.

### RUTH RAMSEY

## Today's Grab Bag

### THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. What is the capital of Missouri?
2. What state is known as the "Diamond State"?
3. What is the capital of Maine?
4. What state is known as the "Centennial State"?
5. What is the capital of Delaware?

### IT'S BEEN SAID

Nothing in Nature is unbeautiful.—Lord Tennyson.

### YOUR FUTURE

Prospect for business and financial success is excellent. Today's child will be blessed with a well-balanced nature.

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

For thousands of years the chair was a natural accompaniment of state and dignity rather than an article of ordinary use.

### BORN TODAY

Johann Sebastian Bach was the outstanding German composer of the late Baroque period—a period characterized by a free, exuberant style which supplanted the restrained and balanced style of the earlier Renaissance. Bach came from a family that produced many musicians in the 17th and 18th centuries. He was born in 1685.

His vast output includes all types of music current at the time, except operas; he was also a violinist and an organist of renown. By the end of this life his compositions were considered

### HUNGARIANS BATTLE NAZI TROOPS

—24 Years Ago—  
Heavy German occupying forces—upward of 100,000 men by best estimates here—were believed to be driving into Hungary today as Hitler moved swiftly to strengthen his Balkan line against Russian armies already in Bessarabia. Some Hungarians were reported fighting this new invader at the call of their leaders but the Nazis retained control at the center of the country.

Unconfirmed reports from Stockholm said that two Rumanian divisions were among the forces the Germans had sent into Hungary and that they were being resisted stiffly by the Hungarians.

### SPEAKER ENGAGED

—35 Years Ago—  
Basketball Coach George Keogan of Notre Dame has been engaged to address the April 3 Booster club meeting in bridge.

## HENRY CATHCART

## Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — The guilty plea and sentencing of James Earl Ray, the murderer of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., triggered some justly outraged comments concerning the possibility of a conspiracy.

Among those who raised that possibility anew were King's widow and the leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership

Conference.

It now develops, somewhat belatedly, that these individuals were consulted prior to the public plea of guilty, and that they accepted the course as being consistent with justice.

Some of the individuals involved did reserve the right to raise the conspiracy issue, and the sentence does not in any way foreclose continued investigations, which we are assured of by the Department of Justice, another prior assenter to the guilty plea.

What is of concern, and not only this case, is a lack of candor on the part of many individuals and agencies of government. Certainly Mrs. King's remarks and those of the SCLC leadership would have been assessed in a different light if they had disclosed they consented to the guilty plea. We have an uneasy feeling about justice — both at the federal and the Tennessee level.

What the public has been educated to look for in these spectacular crimes is truth. This was made apparent in the clamor and is inherent in the trial of the accused assassin of Robert F. Kennedy.

We do not think justice is fully served unless the public access to information is also served where that is possible.

### WILLIAM RITT

## You're Telling Me!

Astronauts, we read, now hope to place reflectors on the Moon to bounce back laser beams in order to measure Earth-Moon distances. Good trick but wouldn't it have to be done with mirrors?

During that record period the tansorlists trimmed 300 nogs. How's that for a heady achievement?

Two Chatham, England, babbers set a world's continuous hair cutting record of 40 hours, 40 minutes. That must have taken a lot of sheer stamina.

Some 80 per cent of all wildcat oil wells prove unsuccessful—Factographs. That's too wild for us.

Artificial rain often has a bluish tint—science item. Naturally—doesn't it usually come out of a blue sky?

## DR. COLEMAN

## ..And Speaking Of Your Health

The social war against heart disease, cancer and strokes is in full progress. Universities, laboratories and the National Institutes of Health are given vast amounts of money for the study of the prevention of these three major threats to health in our modern civilization.

One of these threats, the stroke, is due to some interference with the blood supply to the brain. Narrowing of the arteries by blockage of the arteries by clot or thrombosis.

Dr. Coleman says, "An actual break in a blood vessel in the brain is all responsible for that which is known as a stroke. Technically, these are known as cerebrovascular accidents. The name suggests, but really does not mean, accident or injury as it is commonly used in lay language.

The extent of the incapacitation that follows a stroke depends, of course, on the size of the blood vessel affected and the area in the brain that ceases to be nourished by the vital blood and oxygen it needs. Paralysis of the arm or leg, face, and interference with speech are the major aftermaths of strokes. Occasionally, a spasm of the blood vessel to the brain may produce some of these symptoms for a short while, and then all the functions may return when the spasm disappears.

One of the most distressing aspects of a stroke is known as aphasia, which means the inability to speak or to understand the spoken word.

It is interesting that the speech center in the right handed person lies in the left side of the brain. In a left-handed person, the speech center is in the right side.

There are many forms of aphasia. Aphasia is the loss of memory. Sensory aphasia is the inability to understand the spoken word. Motor aphasia is a condition in which a patient knows what he wants to say but cannot say it. It is obvious that the frustration and psychological distress of people so affected by a stroke must be tremendous. The greatest contribution that the family can make to the patient during the early phases is to give him support and understanding without overwhelming him with words. He must be surrounded by a feeling of security even if communication is on a non-verbal level.

There once was a degree of hopelessness associated with strokes. This is no longer true. There now are intensive care units for people with strokes in which all conceivable kinds of electronic devices help direct the activity of the physician. In some instances, surgery is resorted to with success. As soon as these patients are able to accept it, rehabilitative instruction is begun to make these courageous people once more serviceable and capable of living in independent dignity.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** When tin cans are opened, make absolutely sure that slivers of tin do not fall into the contents.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

## JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

Partner bids One Heart, next player passes, both sides are vulnerable, and you have a part score of 90. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠A784 ♥KQ63 ♣J73 ♦J9
2. ♠J985 ♥74 ♦Q63 ♣AKJ5
3. ♠KQ4 ♥Q82 ♦AJ74 ♣A88
4. ♠KJ73 ♥AQ64 ♦8 ♣KJ92
5. ♠7 ♥AQ5 ♦AK983 ♣KQ74

1. Two hearts. The meanings of many bids change considerably when one side has a part score. Thus, it would be normal to respond three hearts (forcing) on this hand without a part score, but with it you should bid only two hearts. Since you are deliberately going one level beyond game, the raise to two hearts constitutes a mild slam try.

The chief purpose of the raise is to cater to those hands that offer a chance for a slam. For example, partner might have

♠5 ♥A8789 ♦AKQ6 ♣K7

which would easily produce twelve tricks. Obviously, partner's only opening bid is one heart.

2. One notrump. Without a part score the normal response is one spade or two clubs, but with it the only proper bid is one notrump. Ordinarily, a one notrump response shows 6 to 9 points, but the range widens to 6 to 12 in the presence of a part

score of 90.

3. Two notrump. This is a clear-cut slam try. A two notrump response would ordinarily show 13 to 15 points, but with a part score the range is slightly higher. Partner may of course pass with minimum values, since the jump response is not forcing. Without a part score the correct response would be three notrump.

4. Three hearts. This also invites slam, but again the jump is not forcing. Partner should pass with minimum values.

Note the difference between this hand and the first one, where two hearts denoted only mild interest in a slam. Here, with more high cards and better distribution, slam possibilities are much brighter. The difference is in degree only; the double raise is in line with the general principle that the more you bid the more you've got.

5. Three diamonds. This is 100 per cent forcing and partner must bid again even with a bedrock minimum. Three diamonds is a jump-shift, as distinguished from a jump raise. Jump-raises are merely limit bids reflecting the degree of strength.

Jump-shifts have no ceiling. They may contain as few as 17 points, or as many as 26 or more points. The opening bidder responds naturally, showing the distributional nature of his hand or extra values if he has them.

## BENNET CERF

## Try And Stop Me

Oracle Sam Himmell on the holy state of matrimony:

The reason God made woman after He made man is that He didn't want any advice. . . . Tol-erance is the quality that keeps a new bride from reforming her husband right away. . . . Matrimony must be here. . . . stay. It has survived 500 husband-and-wife TV and radio programs. . . . The wise husband meets a marital crisis with a firm hand: full of candy, flowers, jewelry, and stocks and bonds.

Barry Goldwater won the hearts of many who once opposed him when he attended a dinner in Washington that was given for brand new congressmen just before Inauguration Day. "I am happy," beamed Senator Goldwater, "to be a member of one of the few freshmen classes in the nation which is neither demonstrating nor protesting. After what happened in 1964, I feel like the only Kamikaze pilot who ever made a round trip!"

"Just yesterday," concluded the handsome Arizonian with a rather rueful grin, "a lady came up to me on the street, looked me over carefully, and said, 'Say, weren't you Barry Goldwater?'"

Because of some snafu, Harry



Truman received a formal, printed invitation to his own inauguration in 1949. In an understandably exuberant mood after his surprise victory over Tom Dewey that year, he accepted with this note: "Weather permitting, I hope to be present. H.S.T."

## Factographs

Lily Pons, coloratura soprano, contracted for 13 week engagements during each of the 1935-36-37 radio seasons.

Venus, the closest planet to Earth, is an average 25.7 million miles away.

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## KILLER OF WOMAN, 84, GETS LIFE IN PRISON



**PRESIDENTIAL PLAQUE:** James Small, outgoing Stevensville village president, holds plaque with mounted gavel, presented last night by members of village council. Small last night presided over his last council session as president. He was defeated in March 10 election by James Stampohar, who will take the office at next session April 3. (Betty Goetz photo)

### Projects Pass First Test In SJ

#### Office Building, Parking Lot For Block 7 Planned

Two bids for development of urban renewal Block 7 passed first tests by the St. Joseph planning commission yesterday meeting in the city hall.

The planners said the request of Crown Development Co. of Benton Harbor to build an office building and the bid of John Sassano to develop off street parking for the Red Rooster restaurant, the present Holly's restaurant, met urban renewal qualifications.

#### LAST RENEWAL SITE

Block 7 is the last site cleared in the Urban Renewal district. It is bounded by Ship Street, Court Street, the Design Sales and Engineering building and the alley behind the St. Joseph post office.

At one time it was considered as part of a parcel with the half of block still for sale at Ship, Church and Court streets. This use was mentioned yesterday by planners who wondered if selling block 7 separately would hinder the sale and development of the larger lot.

Planner Jim Stock said the decision should be made by the St. Joseph city commission. All the Planning commission was required to do was determine if the proposed use would fit urban renewal procedure. Stock said.

Ronald Bublick president of Crown Development was notified that city zoning calls for three off street parking spaces for each 1,000 square feet of floor space. Bublick's plan to build a two-story and a half structure would require that the basement be used only for storage if the rest is used for offices.

Sassano said he expected about 25 spaces could be provided for Red Rooster parking and he said this would be ideal for restaurant customers. He admitted that persons using the post office would probably use the lot on occasion but he felt they could be accommodated.

Charles Hadley representing the builders of Holiday Inn outlined landscaping plans for the holstery now under construction. The planning commission had ordered this report when it approved the building last year.

Ludwig Realty, represented by Richard Ludwig, Jr., presented a plan to build a 70 by 30 apartment house at 1117 Niles avenue. There would be 14 one-bedroom units in the structure. Ludwig said. There is sufficient parking space on the property. The planners approved the special use for the two-family zoning area. Set back distances will be set by the building inspector.

The request by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dresser to rezone the corner of Lakeshore drive and Hilltop from residential to light industrial was approved. The rest of the area was approved for rezoning earlier and suggested that the corner be included.

**FOUR DIE IN FIRE**  
STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — A smoldering fire, which officials said was caused by matches, took the lives of four youngsters in one family during the night.



**JOIN STEERING COUNCIL:** Appointing members of the Citizen's Steering Council (CSC) of the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities program last night joined the council for their first time since their March 13 appointments. Five of the seven met with council chairman Warren P. Mitchell briefly after the regular meeting. Seated left to right are Mrs. Lula Lee, Mitchell and Miss Gwendolyn Baird. Standing left to right are Sammie Rodgers, Cornelius Bass Sr., and Alex Booker. The other two appointees are Curtis Hartfield and the Rev. Jake Webb. The Benton Harbor city commission and the Benton township board of trustees are expected to confirm the appointments at their next regular meetings. (Staff photo)

## Officers Elected By Model Cities Council

Permanent officers of the Citizen's Steering Council (CSC) of the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities program were elected last night.

Named were Warren P. Mitchell, chairman; Mrs. Esther V. Kizer, first vice chairman; and Silas Legg, second vice chairman. The three had been serving as temporary officers since March 13.

The permanent election followed the addition of the appointive members to the 19-member council. It was the first council session since the seven were named on March 13.

**FINAL MEMBERS**  
By virtue of their offices, the three will become the final three members of the program's Community Progress Commission (CPC).

Richard Peters, temporary chairman of the Progress Commission, said permanent CPC officers would be elected Wednesday, at the commission's luncheon meeting.

The CPC is the regional planning commission created jointly by the city and township to oversee the Model Cities program. The council is the policy making body.

Six of the commission members were appointed in December to carry out the organization of the steering council and lay ground rules for development of the program's plan.

The six were Peters, George Welch, Mrs. Julia Barnes, Louis Joseph, Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert F. Smith and Benton township Supervisor Ray A. Wilder.

Mitchell called for close cooperation between the council and commission and he urged that the members attend the next session of the council.

Peters and Smith were present for the first full session. The council chairman welcomed the new appointive members of the council and said, in prepared remarks, the program was the first comprehensive attack ever attempted on social, economic and physical problems in blighted areas through coordination of federal, state, and local public and private sources.

Mitchell said the committee structure for the 19-member body would be started at the next session.

**WILL DEVELOP PLAN**  
Made up of 12 persons elected by district in the program area and the seven appointees, the council is to develop the plan for redeveloping the area.

The appointees are Mrs. Lula Lee, 60, of 415 Miller street, a former Benton Harbor city commissioner; Miss Gwendolyn Baird, 21, of 593 1/2 Territorial road, a lake Michigan college student; Sammie Rodgers, 38, of 3911 Townline road, student affairs coordinator for Benton Harbor high school; Cornelius Bass Sr., 61, of 788 East High street, retired from Producers Creamery; Alex Booker of 606 Baird street, a teacher at Bard school; the Rev. Jake Webb, 43, of 400 Johns street, and Curtis Hartfield, an Auto specialties employee.

## Leasing Program Gets First Home

### BH Officials Must Check Legality Of Agreement

Benton Harbor public housing officials are checking an agreement worked out under the former city housing commission for the first 50 houses being sought for the leased homes program.

City Atty. Samuel Henderson said the agreement was not final because it had not been approved by the city commission. The attorney said any agreement such as the lease required city commission approval as well as housing commission approval.

The agreement was between the housing commission and Walter Hornack, who owns the four-bedroom one-story house at 680 South Fair avenue.

**FIRST HOUSE OFFERED**  
If accepted, the house would be the first which the city would lease from private owners to rent to large, low-income families. The city would subsidize part of the monthly rent.

According to housing commission officials, the agreement raised questions over legal procedures as well as costs.

Acting housing commission director Sammie Smith said negotiations on the agreement were being carried out along with negotiations with other rental property owners.

"We hope shortly," said Smith, "to be able to announce acquisition of some of the houses we need."

The houses will be used as replacement homes for persons displaced by urban renewal and the proposed code enforcement program.

### Six Escape Home Afire In Benton

Six members of the Willie Miles family escaped injury this morning when the interior of their home was gutted by fire at 355 Linden street, Benton township, shortly before 10 a.m. Miles was home with five children while his wife was working when flames broke out. Benton township firemen confined most of the damage to the interior. Cause was not determined immediately.

### Student Teacher Is 'Susan Marie'

Miss Susan Marie Sila, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sila, 224 Western avenue, Benton Harbor, is student teaching at Fairplain Northeast school as a part of her studies at Western Michigan university. Her name was incorrectly given as Marie Silva in Wednesday editions of this newspaper.

## Widow Shot During Burglary

### Lawrence Man Thanks Court For Attorney

By BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Joseph Lawrence Collins, the 30-year-old confessed slayer of an elderly Pipestone township widow in 1965, was sentenced Thursday to life in prison.

Collins, a small, hard-of-hearing rural Lawrence resident, had pleaded guilty Feb. 4 to second-degree murder in the pistol-slashing of Mrs. Verna Versaw, 84, about Dec. 29, 1965. Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns called it "cold, actually premeditated murder" and recommended against a parole from prison for Collins.

**COULD BE PAROLED**  
At the discretion of the state parole board, he could be paroled after 10 years in prison. But Berrien probation and parole officials say this is unusual.

Collins told Judge Byrns in February that he entered the Versaw home in search of valuables, discovered Mrs. Versaw in bed and shot her "five or six times" with a .22-caliber pistol before fleeing with about \$260.

Mrs. Versaw died of brain damage after being shot six times in the head. Her body was discovered in a downstairs bedroom by relatives Jan. 1, 1966.

Collins was arrested Nov. 26, 1968, after a three-year investigation involving Van Buren Sheriff's Deputies Donald Hogmire and Harold Beach, Berrien Prosecutor's Chief Investigator Andrew Novikoff, Berrien Sheriff's Det. Victor Hauch and former Paw Paw State Police Det. Sgt. William Menzies.

Collins' wife, Mariam, 35, also was arrested on the same murder charge. She continues free on a \$3,000 bond.

Judge Byrns said Thursday that Collins was "most fortunate" that Berrien Prosecutor Ronald Taylor allowed a second-degree murder charge to be included with the original first-degree charge, which carries a mandatory life term with no parole.

Collins looks "like a mild individual" but "showed a cruelty that no court could ignore," Judge Byrns said in imposing the maximum sentence under a second-degree conviction.

Collins was free on \$3,000 appeal bond following a 1967 possession stolen property conviction in Van Buren county when arrested on the murder charge. The murder conviction was his fourth felony, according to Judge Byrns. The first two resulted in probation sentences.

"Mrs. Versaw was an innocent lady," the judge said. "She was asleep in the security of her home. You went in there to steal and while this old lady, who had done no one any harm in her whole lifetime, who had the right to die a dignified natural death—you became her executioner."

#### PRaises ATTORNEY

When Collins was offered a chance to speak before sentence, he said: "Well, I just want to thank the court for appointing Mr. (St. Joseph Atty. Paul) Taglia. I don't think I could have gotten any better attorney than Mr. Taglia."

The judge agreed.

Collins was remanded to the Berrien jail to await transport to Southern Michigan prison at Jackson.



JOSEPH L. COLLINS  
Gets Life

## SJ Officer Is Joining State Police

Patrolman Jack D. Root, 26, who has been with the St. Joseph police department for the past three and a half years, will leave the department to enter Michigan State Police recruit school March 31.

Root is a graduate of Paw Paw high school. His father, Grant Root, who died last Dec. 16 was Paw Paw Police chief.

Root has taken the basic police course and several other courses while with the St. Joseph police.

In February, 1966, he arrested two men shortly after they staged an armed robbery at a Stevensville service station.

Root and his wife, the former Patricia Burnette of Keeler live at St. Joseph avenue, Stevensville.

Root will be following the footsteps of St. Joseph Chief Tom Gillespie who is a former state trooper.

## Driver Held Following BH Chase

Lorenzo Jackson, 39, of 480 Edwards avenue, Benton Harbor, was arrested on charges of reckless driving, fleeing a police officer and driving on an expired operator's license after a chase by Benton Harbor police early today.

Patrolman Dwight Claustre reported he pursued a car at speeds in excess of 80 miles an hour until it stopped between two houses on Britain avenue. The driver then ran until he fell over a fence and was taken into custody.

Police also arrested Kenneth A. Ashby, 23, of 1451 Tucker drive, St. Joseph, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

## Smoke Fills Store In BH

The interior of Leonard's super market, 376 Territorial road, was filled with smoke yesterday after an employee dropped hot ashes in a barrel of sawdust, Benton Harbor firemen reported. The fire was doused with water and firemen were called to clear the store of smoke. Ashes were from a burner used to smoke meat.

## Sewage Treatment Units Will Meet

### Ready To Negotiate On Extending Facilities

The Twin Cities Sewage Treatment board is willing to negotiate immediately for the extension of its sewage treatment facilities to St. Joseph and Lincoln townships and the villages of Shoreham and Stevensville, James Small, outgoing Stevensville village president, reported last night.

Small, who also heads the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment authority, made his report at the regular village council meeting. He said the resolution from the twin cities board calls for a meeting with the shoreline authority within 30 days.

Small said the letter from the twin cities sewage board, reporting on a board resolution, was dated March 17 and signed by Attorney Henry Gleiss, who represents the twin cities sewage board.

#### SERVICE FOR BENDIX

Efforts to have Benton Harbor and St. Joseph extend their joint treatment facilities were started by the Lakeshore authority, which is planning for the two townships and two villages. A prime reason was to obtain service for the large Bendix Corp. plant in Lincoln township. It is generally felt that a sewage treatment plant, proposed for Stevensville, would

not be able to handle waste from Bendix for many years, Harry Gast, Jr., Lincoln township supervisor reported earlier.

Small today said a meeting between the two sewage units is to be scheduled as soon as possible. Although Small served as village president for the last time last night, he expects to continue serving the Lakeshore authority.

Small was defeated in the recent spring election by James Stampohar, who assumes the village presidency at the next council meeting April 3.

The council in other business last night voted to deny a permit to Bernard Saccetti who wants to construct a 40 by 40 foot warehouse at the site of his Lakeshore Brick and Stone Co., St. Joseph avenue. The action was at the urging of village attorney Phillip Brown.

The site, once residential, was (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

## Play At Lakeshore Is Tonight, Saturday

By SAN DEE WALLACE  
Staff Writer

"Arsenic and Old Lace" begins a two-night run this evening at 8 o'clock at Lakeshore high school's Little Theatre as the all-school play presented in cooperation with Thespian Troupe 395. The second performance will be given Saturday night.

The acting of the high school students is of excellent quality and the pace moves quickly through the plot of the story the natural abilities of the actors stand out.

**'WELL-DONE'**  
The leading roles of the Brewster sisters are exceptionally well done by Kathy Jewell and Linda Janca.

The play written by Joseph Kesserling is directed by Mrs. Carol Wroblewski with Teri Stafinski as student director.

The plot involves two elderly eccentric ladies, Abby and Martha Brewster, whose hobby is murdering lonely old gentlemen, strictly out of mercy, much to the dismay of their nephew Mortimer, portrayed by Steve Barbus. Complicating the matter is the "black sheep" of the family, brother Jonathan (John Grau) who returns home with a none-too-sober companion, Dr. Einstein (Dave Hammer). Added to the characters is another brother Teddy (Dave Kasevorn), who believes he is Theodore Roosevelt. Other

cast members are Monica Brunkel, Brent Dutcher, Larry Phillips, Ed Borr, David Palmer, Tom Moynihan, Mark Spitzer and Bob Schultz.

#### BEHIND THE SCENES

Credit to people behind the scenes goes to Miss Judy Ludwig, head of the high school art department, as technical director; Mark Rennhack and Dave Hammer, publicity; Kathy Yops and Becky Holden, costumes and props; Diane Goodrow, tickets; and Don Schultz, photography.

Tickets are available from cast members and the high school office.

## St. Joe Queen Contest Judges Are Announced

Judges announced today for tonight's Miss St. Joseph of 1969 contest include an artist specializing in watercolor, an executive vice president of a famous career and finishing college, and an interior designer.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Nash, chairman for the contest which will be held at 8 p.m. in St. Joseph high school auditorium, said the three judges will include Mrs. Harold E. (Fran) Larsen of South Haven, professional artist and a teacher of watercolor painting in St. Joseph and South Haven;

Robert Andrews, executive vice president of the original Patricia Stevens Career College and Finishing School of Chicago; and Hal Shoup, an interior designer from Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Larsen received her bachelor of arts degree in advertising from Michigan State university. She has received numerous awards in regional and national exhibitions, is a member of Michigan Water Color Society and Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters, and a student judge of the American Orchid

#### Society.

Andrews is a graduate of the University of Maryland and of Simmons Institute of Psychology. He is a past director of vocational and training schools on the east and west coasts.

Shoup is a member of American Institute of Interior Designers and has studied interiors at Boston university. He has been an art instructor at Southwest Michigan college in Dowagiac.

Escorts for the 43 contestants will be Rob Rose and Tom Christie.



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## BERRIEN BALKING AT FUND HIKE FOR COURT

## Dowagiac Going All Out To Help Ill Boy

DOWAGIAC — A group of Dowagiac community leaders are seeking to help a nine-year-old boy whose courageous battle against a bone disease stirred the hearts of soldiers around the world last year.

"Richie Hall Day" was held in Dowagiac yesterday to kick off the campaign to raise funds for Richie, who lost his left leg in October of 1967 due to osteogenic sarcoma, a malignant bone disease.

Richie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Holland Hall, route 3, Twin Lakes, Dowagiac. He received worldwide attention in February of 1968, when he wrote to the 3rd Battalion, 16th Artillery, U.S. Army, in Vietnam thanking the soldiers for what they were doing for him and others in this country.

Richie later was made an honorary member of the 3rd Battalion in a public ceremony held in Dowagiac. At that time he had received over 400 letters from servicemen in response to his letter.

John Nate, Sr., one of the leaders of the campaign, said the family has accumulated many expenses due to Richie's illness, the



RICHELIE HALL

insurance benefits have been exhausted, and the family is now in financial need.

Nate said the committee is appealing to the public to help in two ways. He said they are asking the public for donations to offset the financial burden of the family and they are also asking for letters of encouragement "to the young man who is bedfast in his home." The committee said "this would give hope for recovery through a miracle, or if not, make his days more pleasant and bearable."

Donations and letters should be sent to: The Richie Hall Fund, in care of the First National Bank, Dowagiac, Mich., 49047.

## 'Good Citizens'

FLINT (AP) — Christine Marie Sadowski, senior honor student of Crestwood High School at Dearborn Heights, has been named the state's Good Citizen by the Michigan Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Hammond Ordered To Explain

## Fifth District Revenue Far Short Of Expectations

By JERRY KRIEGER  
County-Farm Editor

Fifth District Presiding Judge John Hammond has been asked to provide the board of supervisors by mid-April with a report on the revenue of Fifth district court in its first quarter of operation.

The demand, issued by Supervisors Chairman Frank Poorman, followed a request from Hammond for a boost of about \$50,000 in the district's budget for next year.

The increased sum sought for Fifth District operations in 1970 would put the expenditures over the \$400,000 mark. Its budget for the current first year of the new court system is \$359,700, a figure somewhat higher than the \$221,500 budgeted for the three-judge circuit court.

## REVENUE FALLING SHORT

Poorman, at the supervisors meeting last Monday, suggested that the district court may fall far short of producing enough revenue to pay its own way this year. He said at that time it appeared district revenue might amount only to about \$215,000 for the year. The finance committee of the old board of supervisors that set the district's 1969 budget at \$359,000 last fall reported the presiding judge had claimed court revenue would equal its expenditures.

Members of the present finance committee reportedly received the bid for more money next year with considerable coolness. Unless Hammond can prove the court will take in enough more revenue from court case assessments to meet higher expenditures, the budget increase is reported in for tough sledding.

The board chairman admitted this morning that he had given Hammond, as the presiding judge of the district, until mid-April to make an accounting of court revenues for the first three months.

The county board will adopt a tentative budget for 1970 in late April.

## TOO EARLY TO TELL

Poorman said it is still too early to tell exactly how much revenue the Fifth District will produce in its first year, and that Hammond's full budget request for 1970 may be put into the tentative budget in April. But before final adoption of the actual budget in late October, the picture of district revenues should be clear enough to show if the court can pay its own way.

One member of the finance committee said the committee feels strongly that the Fifth district shouldn't get any more money to spend that it can raise.

Several members of the board said they are looking into reports that the Fifth District does not have a uniform schedule of costs. One said he understands the three judges each assess different court costs for the same offenses.

## ST. JOSEPH

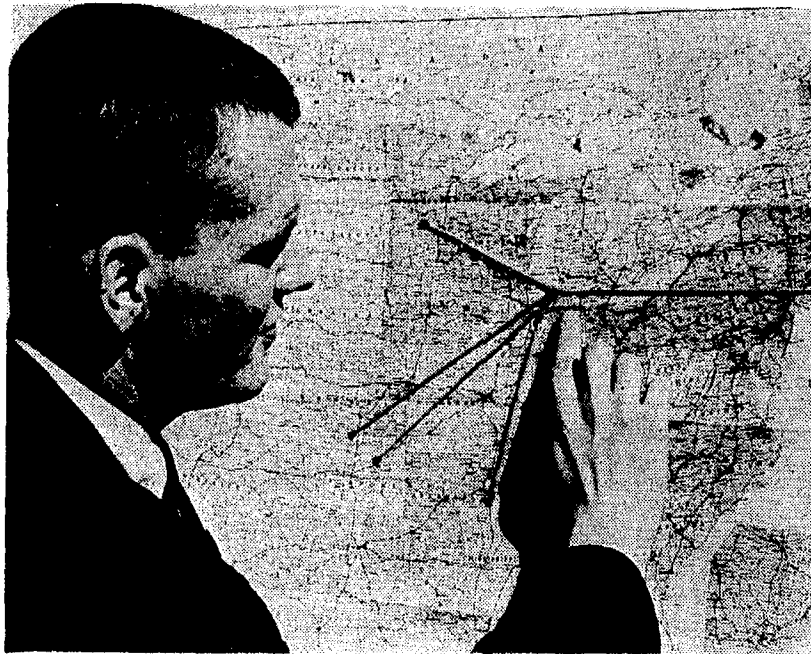
## Dangerous Gasoline Fire Halted

What might have been a potentially dangerous fire was knocked down quickly by employees of Industrial Rubber Goods company and St. Joseph fire fighters yesterday noon.

St. Joseph firemen reported Robert Boire of Industrial Rubber was filling the gas tank on a fork lift truck when the tank overflowed and was ignited by the hot engine. The tank is located outside the Kamber Road plant in Edgewater.

The flames spread and burned the hose but Boire turned off the gate valve to shut off the flow of gas. The fork lift truck was heavily damaged.

Employees had the fire under control and firemen used a booster line to extinguish it. Boire was not injured. Firemen reported the nozzle on the hose was defective and the gas flow was controlled from the gate valve.



PIPELINES TO SOUTH HAVEN: Tom Renner, secretary of the South Haven Centennial Commission, examines map showing locations of the seven South Havens in the United States. The commission has invited the town fathers in all of the other towns with the same name to the local centennial next July 1 through 6.

## Namesakes Invited To Centennial

## Six Other Towns In U.S. Named South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — Tom Renner, secretary of the South Haven Centennial commission, has discovered that there are six other South Havens in the United States, and that one of these towns was named by people who moved there from South Haven, Mich.

Consequently, the commission has voted to send letters of invitation to the city or village fathers of all of the other South Havens, informing them of the 100-year celebration here and inviting them to attend.

Accompanied with these letters will go some of the buttons presently being sold to authorize the gentlemen of South Haven to either grow beards or remain clean shaven, and a lot of data about the town and its history.

A special invitation is being sent to Mayor and Mrs. LeRoy Henton, at South Haven, Kan. Renner reports that Mrs. Henton is a granddaughter of Charles Robinson, who left this area back in 1871 by covered wagon and staked a claim at the place now known as South Haven, in Kansas. Robinson, as the story goes, had a part in naming the town.

The other South Havens are located in Minnesota, Mississippi, Indiana, New York and Oklahoma. All are relatively small towns of less than 4,000 population.

## Boon For Niles Mayor Nearing

## House OKs Bill On Liquor License

LANSING — Frank Frucci, mayor of Niles, is a step closer to legal permission to sell drinks at his restaurant and administer his town at the same time.

Under terms of two bills the House passed Thursday and sent to the Senate, mayors of fourth class cities would no longer be considered law enforcement officers—that is operational and managerial commanders in chief of their local police departments.

Communities, however, would be allowed to return the police jurisdiction to mayors by voting to specifically include it in their charters.

The bills were introduced in the House by Rep. Don Pears, R-Buchanan, after the State Liquor Control Commission ruled Frucci could not keep his license.

Pears, R-Buchanan, said the house passed the first measure 97-7 and the second 96-7. The bills now go to the Senate for consideration.

"I don't expect any troubles for the bills in the Senate," said Pears. "This should be worked out soon."

Elected mayor of Niles last April, Frucci asked to be excused from the provision of state liquor law forbidding any law enforcement officer or spouse from holding a liquor license.

The commission agreed, however, to delay action on Frucci's case pending the outcome of the current legislation.

## WMU Planning Racial Retreat In South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — Western Michigan university will hold a "racial awareness retreat" for 170 students and faculty members today through Sunday at Sleepy Hollow resort. The retreat will be the first event of the year at the 40-acre resort on the shores of Lake Michigan.

## Seek Bids On Weed Spraying

From Associated Press

Bids will be opened in Lansing on April 2 for chemical weed spraying at several locations in Cass, Berrien, Van Buren, St. Joseph and Kalamazoo counties.

The project, scheduled for completion on or about June 15, will cost \$15,000.

Roads included are I-94, U.S. 12, M-140, M-49, M-60, and U.S. 131.

## FFA Honors Two From Cassopolis

Two Cassopolis high school students were named among Michigan's top Future Farmers of America members for 1969 at the annual FFA convention held on the campus of Michigan State university this week.

Mike E. Cox received a gold plaque and Richard J. Wooden was awarded a silver plaque. They were among 22 who received gold plaques in recognition of achievements in agriculture and leadership and 21 who received silver plaques.

Cox and Wooden also received FFA degrees of State Farmer Eleven other area high school students received the same State Farmer degree. They are Kenneth Nye and Larry King of Lakeshore high school, Ronald Camp and Gerald May of Buchanan, Dennis Bowers, Dick and Harold Hunsberger, Karl King, Doug LaPorte and Gordon Lawson of Cassopolis and Edward Reimink of Pennville.

Some 1,000 FFA members from 179 Michigan high schools met the past three days at MSU for their 40th annual FFA convention, at which time they took part in workshops, elected state officers and honored the top members with various awards.

## Youth Honored

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — A youth instrumental in the formation of an intra-city student council for Grand Rapids high school students Thursday was named recipient of the annual Rotary Club Junior Community Service Award.

## AFTER MARCH 31

## Cass Sheriff Will Not Issue Licenses

CASSOPOLIS — The Cass county sheriff's department will no longer issue drivers licenses after March 31, according to Sheriff James Northrup.

Sheriff Northrup said the drivers license bureau will move on April 1 to what was formerly the Men's Den in the Eastgate Shopping Center on East State street in Cassopolis.

As yet, no appointment of a manager of the new office has been made, Northrup said. He said a manager will be appointed by Harold McNamara, field representative of the Michigan Department of State, of Kalamazoo.

New hours for the relocated office will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays except for Thursday when the office will be open from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

## Judge Finds Bar Owner Innocent

## Rules Shot Was Fired In Self-Defense

CASSOPOLIS — Cass county circuit court Judge James Hoff ruled Wednesday that Jake Smith, 52, owner of the Calvin Center Bar in Calvin Center about six miles south of Cassopolis, was innocent of the shooting of Lloyd Vaughn, 24, route 3, Cassopolis.

Smith had been charged with assault with intent to commit murder for shooting Vaughn on Jan. 27, 1968, during a disturbance at Smith's bar.

The judge ruled that Smith had fired the shots which wounded Vaughn in self-defense. Smith had earlier waived his right to a jury trial on the advice of his lawyer, George Keller, and had chosen to have the case heard by Judge Hoff.

During the trial, which lasted three days, Smith testified that he had fired the shot which wounded Vaughn in self-defense after Vaughn and four other men had thrown beer bottles at him and chased him into the kitchen area of the bar.

Smith said he had picked up the gun, which he kept in the

## CASS COUNTY

## Boat Docks Need Okay From Army Elkhart Woman, 17

SOUTH HAVEN — The United States Army Corps of Engineers has issued a reminder that permits are required from the Department of the Army for any private construction of docks and piers in navigable waters in the United States.

The jurisdiction of the corps of engineers at South Haven extends up the Black river to the Michigan Central railroad bridge, 2.5 miles from the mouth of the harbor, the notice said.

Under federal law, any docks or other work on the banks of the river must be approved by the Army in this area.

UNION — A young Elkhart wife, Mrs. Pamela Crouch, 17, died early today from injuries received in a two-car crash last night on US-12 east of Union in Porter township of Cass county.

Mrs. Crouch was the fifth traffic victim so far this year in Cass county.

State police at the White Pigeon post said the accident occurred about 9:25 p.m. and involved cars driven on US-12 by Mrs. Crouch's husband, Terry D. Crouch, 19, and Kenneth F. Kershner, 37, White Pigeon.

Crouch today was reported in good condition at Elkhart general hospital, while Kershner was listed in fair condition at the same hospital. The hospital reported that Mrs. Crouch died at 12:30 a.m. today.

According to police, Crouch was traveling west on US-12 and apparently making a left turn into a restaurant driveway when the cars collided, police said. No summonses have been issued, pending further investigation, police said.



TROOPER'S TRACINGS: An electric transformer burned out in New Buffalo last night, shutting off traffic signal at busy US-12 and Whittaker street intersection. Trooper John Butler of the New Buffalo post broke out a hand flare and directed traffic. Freelance photographer Don Wehner made a time exposure of the scene. Spiralling light under traffic light traces movements of the flare. But street light did not provide enough light to produce an image of Trooper Butler.

## District Courts May Get Site Flexibility

Berrien county's Fifth District court and nine other districts throughout the state Thursday moved closer to being able to hold sessions outside their boundaries.

The State House of Representatives passed 102-2 a Senate bill to permit second class districts such as Berrien's Fifth District, to locate in county seats under certain conditions.

## Pleads Guilty To Assault

A Niles township man, John Sivia, 36, pleaded guilty Thursday in Berrien circuit court to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Sivia was accused of using a .38-caliber revolver to attack a Niles man, Leon Myers, in Niles on Oct. 23, 1967. Sivia also continued to stand mute to a more serious included charge, assault with intent to commit murder.

He was continued free on \$1,500 bond until sentencing.

Among the conditions are the lack of a municipality with 3,250 persons within the district or consent of the judges coupled with approval by the county board of supervisors.

The Fifth district encompasses all but Benton Harbor and St. Joseph in the county and would not qualify under the first condition. But the additional provisions apparently provide the district with the possible avenue for getting back into the courthouse in St. Joseph.

The court had been located in the courthouse until the board of supervisors ordered its removal pending clarification of the law.

Under the House version of the bill, the court, however, would be required to meet at least one day a week within its district. The requirement, not included in the Senate bill, means the measure will be sent to a conference committee before going to the governor for signature.

The nine counties, besides Berrien, are: Jackson, Saginaw, Washtenaw, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Kent, Genesee, Oakland and Macomb.

Proponents said the bill would

streamline and economize local justice, but opponents argued vigorously that it would do worse and deprive district residents of the right to speedy and handy justice.

Rep. Thomas Sharpe, R-Howell, charged the bill would pamper local judges. He said, "they want to be able to drink coffee with their fellow judges twice a day."

## Plainwell Man Hurt

PAW PAW — State police here reported that a Plainwell man, Richard V. Hartwell, 22, escaped with apparent minor injuries last night when his auto went off Sixth street and struck several small trees near the Timber Ridge ski area in northeast Van Buren county.

Officers said Hartwell was treated at Pipp Community hospital Plainwell, for facial lacerations and a nose injury and released. Hartwell was ticketed on a speeding charge, police said.



# 4 Guilty In Circuit Court

Three persons pleaded guilty, a fourth was convicted in trial and a fifth had his case thrown out this week during appeals in Berrien circuit court of lower court conviction from 1968.

Bert Alfred Beidler of Route 2, Lawrence, pleaded guilty to a charge of consuming liquor on a public street in Coloma on Feb. 19, 1968. He pleaded guilty in justice court and later appealed the conviction.

Judge Chester J. Byrns set fine and cost at \$150 or 90 days in jail.

Carl Louis Schulz, of 7173 Cleveland avenue, Stevensville, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving under the influence of liquor in Lincoln township on Feb. 28, 1967. He earlier had pleaded guilty in municipal court. Judge Byrns set fine and costs at \$68. It had been paid earlier.

**THEFT CONVICTION**

Angelisa Kirby, believed of 105 South Portage street, Buchanan, was convicted by Judge Byrns in nonjury trial on a charge of stealing a saddle in Buchanan township on March 22, 1968. She had appealed an earlier justice court jury conviction. Judge Byrns set \$50 fine and costs or two days in jail.

Paul Frederick Schmidt, of 1025 villa court, Benton Heights, pleaded guilty to a lesser included charge of driving while impaired and was sentenced by Judge Byrns to \$175 fine and costs — with credit for \$115 already paid — or 30 days in jail. Schmidt appealed a justice court conviction on a charge of driving under the influence on May 18, 1968, in Benton township.

Judge Byrns also dismissed an appeal by Leland Dunn, believed of 342 Lincoln street, Benton Harbor, of a Benton Harbor Municipal court conviction on a charge of disorderly person last July 23. Dunn failed to appear for trial in circuit court.

# Van Buren Nurse Attending Course On TB

PAW PAW — Mrs. Helen Grund, supervising public health nurse of the Van Buren County Health department, is attending a two-week course in clinical management and tuberculosis control in Rome, Ga. The course is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Public Health. In April, Mrs. Grund will attend the Mid-Central Migrant conference in Albuquerque, N.M.

John Barrymore, the actor, was known as the "Great Profile."



**BOTTLES FOR THE SEA:** Joe Adams, fifth grader at Lakeshore Hollywood school, indicates where he plans to dump 15 sealed bottles in Gulf Stream off Florida's east coast. Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Adams, 4516 Hollywood drive, will fly with an uncle to Florida this weekend for spring vacation. He and his classmates in Mrs. David Ladd's room hope to receive letters from notes sealed inside the pop bottles. They hope Gulf Stream will carry bottles from off Florida across Atlantic ocean to coast of northern Europe. Notes list date bottles will be dropped in ocean of Sebastian, Fla., name and address of sender and request for a letter from anyone who finds the sea-going missive. (Betty Goetz photo)

# Decatur Scholarship Winners Announced

DECATUR — Camille Goodell and Gary Howe, both juniors at Decatur high school, have been selected as recipients of the Dr. G.L. Rose and Mary E. Rose scholarships.

The scholarships provide two weeks attendance at Camp Miniwanka for two young people from Decatur high school each summer. The recipients are selected by the faculty. The fund was set up by Dr. Dalton K. Rose to provide the summer scholarships through 1998.

Camp Miniwanka is owned and operated by the American Youth Foundation.

Miss Goodell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodell, 401 Delaware street, is class president. She is a member of the pep club, yearbook staff, and band for which she serves as president. She is a member of the United Methodist church of Decatur.

Howe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Howe, route 3, Decatur. He has been active as vice president of the student council, band and sports. He is a member of the United Methodist church. Last summer he attended 4-H club week at Michigan State university and a Youth Citizenship Seminar at Cadillac.

"Chosen as alternates were Janet Hellenga, daughter of School Supt. and Mrs. Wayne Hellenga, and Daniel Northrup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Northrup.

One out of every five Americans changes his residence each year.



Camille Goodell Gary Howe

# Gard Heads Gladiolus Unit Again

COLOMA — Paul T. Gard, Jr., was re-elected president of the Coloma Gladiolus Festival committee at the group's recent meeting.

Other officers elected for 1969-70 are Charles Reinhardt, vice president; Wesley Bexson, treasurer, and Harold Miller, secretary.

Three new directors were accepted into the organization: Roy Hiller and Reinhardt representing area merchants and Norman Smith representing the American Legion.

The committee accepted an offer from James Hipskind that the Coloma Chamber of Commerce will honor the Coloma blossom queen and runners-up at a dinner April 3 at the Wil-O-Paw Inn. Members of the queens committee will be guests of the festival committee.

A tentative schedule of Aug. 8, 9 and 10 was announced for the gladiolus festival. The Chicagoland Waterski association will stage an exhibition Sunday afternoon, Aug. 10. Other events will include a kiddies' parade, twilight fun parade, country and western music show, hayrides, square dances, Central International Gladiolus show, ox roast and carnival.

Gard said the next committee meeting April 8 at 8 p.m. in the Coloma township hall will be open to the public and persons interested in the festival are urged to attend.

# Two Millionth Car

DETROIT (AP) — The country's two millionth 1969 automobile rolled off the assembly line this week but overall production was down from the same time last year, Automotive News reported Thursday.

# Examiner Okays Giant Rail Merger

WASHINGTON (P) — An interstate Commerce Commission hearing examiner recommended Thursday merging the Norfolk & Western and the Chesapeake & Ohio rail systems into the world's largest privately owned railroad.

If approved by the 11-member commission, the \$6.1 billion merger would link nine railroads into a 27,000-mile system operating in 21 states from the East Coast to Nebraska, and from Ontario, Canada, to North Carolina.

Examiner Edward L. Boisseree's 194-page report recommended the new system take over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and its subsidiaries, now controlled by C&O, and assume indirect control of the Boston & Maine Corp. and the Reading Co.

The proposed system would stretch 500 miles farther than tracks involved in the Northern Lines merger now before the Supreme Court and 4,000 miles farther than the recently created Penn Central system's rail lines.

It also would be the largest in terms of assets, compared with the Penn Central's \$5 billion when it was consummated last year and the Northern Lines' \$2.8 billion.

It may take years, however, before the giant system is created.

Opponents were given 30 days to file objections and normally another 20 days are set aside for replies. Then oral arguments are presented before the full commission.

An ICC spokesman estimates the earliest possible time the commission could take final action would be in December. Even then, the merger likely will face a process of court appeals.

# Training Program Announced

State Reps. Ray C. Mittan (R-Benton Harbor) and Don R. Pears (R-Buchanan) have announced that applications are being accepted by the State Highway department for a three-year technician training program.

They said there will be openings for 100 students in the work-study program.

High school graduates, including those of next June, 40 years of age and under, are eligible to apply. Persons accepted for the program based on examinations, will work six months and go to school six months. Students will receive a salary of \$216 to \$240 every two weeks during the working period.

Students will attend one of four schools, receiving an associate of applied science degree. The participating schools are Ferris State college, Lansing Community college, Michigan Technological university and Schoolcraft Community college.

Mittan and Pears said that applications can be obtained from county clerks, the Michigan Employment Security commission, Michigan Civil Service commission, all highway department offices, or by writing the Personnel Division, Department of State Highways, Post Office Drawer K, Lansing, Michigan.



**HEATH QUEEN NOMINEES:** Six Heath company employees are competing for the 1969 title of the firm's Blossom Queen. Employees will pick the winner and two runners-up on April 3. Left to right are Linda Hawkins, Peggy Carroll, Marcia Reed, Delorise Duncan, Consuelo Manzanera and Christine Ehrhardt. (Staff photo)

# Waters Heads Cancer Drive In Van Buren

PAW PAW — Harlan Waters of Paw Paw has been named chairman of the Van Buren county unit of the American Cancer society's 1969 educational and fund-raising crusade which will begin April 1.

The appointment was announced by Mrs. Waldo E. Dick of Lawrence, education and service director of the Van Buren unit. Waters, a life-long Paw Paw resident and former hardware store owner, now is an instructor in the Hartford school system.

He said he accepted the chairmanship because of a deep concern for the urgency to control cancer and the need to combat it by education.

Waters noted that the American Cancer society has expanded its slogan for this year's crusade to "Help yourself with a checkup and others with a check." He said while it is true today that one in three is saved from cancer, it is equally true that one of two persons might have been saved from cancer by earlier and proper treatment.

# Cass College Hosting 'Y' Youth Conference

DOWAGIAC — "Tell It Like It Is," will be the dominant theme of the all-day YMCA Youth Conference to be held on the campus of Southwestern Michigan college on March 29 beginning at 8 a.m.

Over 100 area youths from Van Buren, Cass and Berrien counties are expected to meet and discuss issues of immediate concern. The "generation gap," the new morality, student demonstrations, potential for the future and other problems of interest to young people will be discussed at the conference.

Sponsored by the YMCA and spearheaded by the Michigan YMCA associate director, Harold R. Baker, the purpose of the conference is to permit young people to "Tell It Like It Is" while exchanging opinions.

A banquet will follow the discussions and a dance will conclude the conference in the evening.

# Van Buren Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Van Buren County Clerk Thomas Kiefer:

Raymond August Weber, 54, South Haven, and Barbara Jane Tymke, 42, Hartford.

Lee A. Williams, 37, and Josephine Jones, 30, both of Covert.

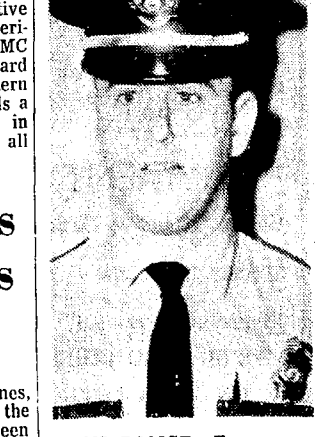
William Wade, 36, and Edna Faye Jones, 28, both of South Haven.

Robert G. Elmore, 21, Paw Paw, and Brenda Kay Crouch, 19, South Haven.

Paul Allen Nielsen, Jr., 18, Decatur, and Wanda Avon Kelly, 23, Marcellus.

Harold George Young, 34, Decatur, and Leona Ariene Earl, 45, Dowagiac.

Ralph Warren Nimtz, 24, and Sharon Jeanne Parquette, 24, both of Dowagiac.



**JOINS POLICE:** Former copilot for Times Airlines, Richard Davis, 23, of Berrien Springs, is a new police officer for Benton township. Unmarried, he is a 1963 graduate of Berrien Springs high school, and the son of Mrs. Gertrude Davis. (Staff photo)

# ANNOUNCE BIRTH

**GRAND JUNCTION** — Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hill III, former South Haven residents, now of Talbot, Tenn., announce the birth of their first child, Kevin Shaun, on March 15, at the Morristown Hamblen County hospital. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brandel of South Haven and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Hill of Grand Junction.

# HOSPITAL PATIENT

**THREE OAKS** — Emil Schroeder has entered Walters hospital in Michigan City, Ind. for observation and treatment.

# LEGALS

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

The undersigned will sell for cash to the highest bidder a 1965 Mercury Comet Cyclone serial No. 5 H 27 A 561419 at 3 p.m. on March 28, 1969 at the Silverbrook Branch of The First Nat'l Bank of Southwestern Mich., 1012 South 11th St. Niles, Mich. where car is stored and may be inspected. We reserve the right to bid.

The First Nat'l Bank of Southwestern Mich. Niles, Mich. March 21, 22, 1969 N-P Adv.

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# Announcements

- Cord of Thanks** 2
- TO THOSE WHO—Expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.
- The Family of  
ROCK MILLER
- WIFE AND MOTHER**
- We wish to express our thanks in everlasting gratitude to those many people who gave us sympathy during our recent bereavement and loss. A special thanks to Dr. David White, the personal and staff of South Haven Comm. Hospital, Florin Mortuary, Rev. Reginald Shepley and Bernice B. Grigereit.
- The family of Bernice B. Grigereit
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- SPRING HOUSE CLEANING** — Call Kathleen Arroy for free pickup of excess furniture, clothing & other useable items. Ph. 925-2322.
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# American Legion Will Hold Speech Finals At Lawrence

LAWRENCE — The finals of the state 32nd American Legion oratorical contest will be held Saturday at the Lawrence high school auditorium.

This year will mark the first time the state finals have been held in western Michigan.

The final contest will begin at 2 p.m. with five students from various parts of Michigan participating. Five scholarships will be given with \$500 to the first place winner, \$400 for second place, \$300 for third place, \$200 for fourth place and \$100 for fifth place. Each student will speak on the U.S. Constitution.

The winner of the state contest will be eligible to participate in the regional contest of several states, according to Herbert R. Gage of Kalamazoo, executive committeeman for the Fourth Congressional district and a member of the Lawrence American Legion post.



**CASSOPOLIS CONTESTANTS:** One of these 16 girls will be chosen Miss Cassopolis of 1969 in this community's blossom queen contest Saturday night at the Fred Russ Gymnasium at Cassopolis high school beginning at 8 p.m. Front row from left to right are Pamela Jones, Francine Bender, Sandy Koeningshof, Janice Springsteen; (second row) Karen Wirta, Christine Cobb, Diane Jackson, Beverly Hilton, Bonnie Beaver; (third row) Barbara Nieboer, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Sue Ann Ham, Diane Werner, Cathy Carter, Ellen Pierce, and Judy Clausen. Richard Loupee is general chairman with Mrs. Charles Harding as chairman of contestants. (Norma Lerner photo)